



State of Connecticut Department of Correction

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First Department of Correction Employee to Test Positive for COVID-19 Virus

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The first Connecticut Department of Correction (DOC) employee has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.

The employee who is assigned to the Garner Correctional Institution in Newtown, CT has been self-monitoring at home since Wednesday, March 18, 2020.

The individual, whose name is being withheld due to HIPAA regulations, received confirmation of the positive test results today (3/23/20).

The affected individual last entered the Garner Correctional Institution on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

The DOC's healthcare administration will work in close collaboration with the State's Department of Public Health to ensure all proper protocols are being followed, and to make sure staff are informed of any new developments.

Effective Monday, March 23, 2020 prior to being allowed to enter a Department of Correction facility, everyone will have to successfully pass a wellness screening (including a temperature check).

An individual with a fever of 100.4 degrees (or greater) will not be allowed access into the facility. To date no other staff member or offender at the Garner Correctional Institution has shown symptoms associated with the COVID-19 virus.